MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Details of Financial Assistance for Women and Children in Assam are given as under:—

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Year	Amount Released/ Sanctioned	Funds Utilized/ Remarks
1.	Women's Economic Programme.	1998-1999	Rs. 3,53,500/-	Utilized
		1999-2000	Rs. 6,47,475/-	Utilized
		2000-2001	Rs. 17,20,925/-	Utilized
2.	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations in the field of Women and Child Development.	1998-1999	Nil	—
		1999-2000	Rs. 4,17,472/-	Utilized
		2000-2001	Nil	—
3.	Working Women's Hostel.	1998-1999	Rs. 4,76,807/-	Utilized
		1999-2000	Rs. 4,99,218/-	Utilized
		2000-2001	Rs. 18,13,050/-	Utilized
4.	Rashtriya Mahila Kosh.	1998-1999	Rs. 2,00,000/-	Utilized
		1999-2000	Rs. 9,00,000/-	Rs. 8 lakhs were utilized.
		2000-2001	Rs. 5,00,000/-	Nil. The amount could not be released as NGO viz. Barchala Grammya Sakhrta Samiti, Morigaon, Assam has not complied with the terms of sanction.

Research Period for Ph.D. Degree in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University

†984. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum research period for award of Ph.D. degree in

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Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Agra, affiliated to and financed by the University Grants Commission;

(b) whether there is any provision to reduce this period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, particularly in respect of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Agra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) According to information furnished by Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Agra, the minimum period for which a candidate has to pursue his research is 24 months with effect from the date of application. The period spent on work done under the co-supervisor, if any, is also taken into account for this purpose.

This period of 24 months is reduced to 12 months in the case of candidates holding M.Phil. degree in the subject concerned. The Vice Chancellor of the University, on the recommendation of the supervisor and the Internal expert, is competent to réduce the period upto six months only for submitting the thesis. In case the candidate fails to submit the thesis within the curtailed period, the curtailment granted to him stands automatically cancelled and he has to submit the thesis within one year from the date of curtailment order.

Theft of Computers in KVs

†985. SHRI BACHANI LAKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been reports of theft of computers from Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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